

SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS GOOD

J. L. Torbert Says the Holiday Trade Was of the Best.

J. L. Torbert, of the Pacific Hardware Company, returned to the city yesterday after a three-months' vacation, saying he was in the best of health and looking the part. He spent some of the afternoon looking in on old friends. He said that he had spent his vacation in company with his family, whom he left at the coast, in San Rafael. He was doing no business, but was enjoying himself, and so took in the upper part of the State in the pursuit of fish and game, incidentally of course, as his object was health, and so found both. Of business in San Francisco he said:

"Business men assured me that there was a great run of business for the holiday season, and that on the whole there had been an excellent trade during the fall. The season of stock-taking was on and the merchants found the demand for goods better than usual. Altogether San Francisco is very prosperous. There are many people on the streets and everything seems to be in the very best shape."

"There were many people of San Francisco who invested in securities here which have showed great loss. In consequence there is a rather bitter feeling in some quarters toward stocks here. However, there are many persons who have become greatly interested in these shares, who are perfectly satisfied with their investments. One gentleman who has many thousands in Wall Street, and Honolulu, said that he had put the stock in his safe and was perfectly satisfied with the values they have represented, as he did not think there would be any difficulty about the future of such shares."

"When one from here speaks of Chinese labor being necessary for the carrying on of the plantations there is a lifting of shoulders. The people of the coast think we must work out our own salvation on the labor question, that we must reach a point where we can get the laborers without asking any special favors from any one. There is a belief that we will get through all right and that the business here will be very soon restored to its accustomed basis."

PHYSICAL WORK OF Y. W. C. A.

Classes for New Year Will Resume Instruction on January 4.

On January 4 the physical classes of the Young Women's Christian Association will again take up their work, commencing the new year with added vigor and increased membership. Miss Lilian Bacon, the physical instructor, has a number of new gymnastic features which will be introduced in all three classes under her charge, and renewed interest will be taken in basket ball, which is considered one of the best means for physical development of women.

The classes are called to meet in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium as follows: Women's, 9 to 9:45 a. m.; young ladies, 9:45 to 10:30; children, 10:30 to 11:15. The progress during the latter part of the past year was quite marked, and the directors of the Y. W. C. A. feel that much good has resulted from this department of the association's work. All who desire to enter these classes can do so by calling on Mrs. H. C. Brown, secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

NEW YEAR ARRESTS.

Drunkenness and Fire Cracking the Most Frequent Offences.

The arrests for Tuesday and Wednesday were as follows:

Investigation—Jose Santos, James Monkhouse.

Headless Driving—Peepo, Oshita, Peahl, Gambling—Ah Fai, Ah Sing, Asa, P. Thomas.

Drunkenness—Ouida, Carpenter, Speckman, R. R. Coffey, Paul Winkler, P. Silvertown, W. Gomes, Walkopu, Kealoha, B. Abraham, Geo. Anderson.

Common Nuisance—A. Buchanan, Iwanaka, P. Correa, Aug. Genado, Muel de Mello, M. Fraga, Joe Freitas.

Assault and Battery—John Hina on Lee Hin, Louis Matthew on Kekella.

The arrests were light for a holiday, and this morning there will not be a single serious case on the calendar.

The majority of cases of common nuisance were brought about by the penchant of small boys for discharging firecrackers on the sidewalk.

The first arrest of the year was that of P. Silvertown run in by Mounted Patrolman George Kalo for being drunk.

FIFTEEN ACT BILL.

An Orpheum Program of Exceptional Merit.

The final performance of "My Friend From Georgia" took place last night before a large and enthusiastic audience. Beginning tonight the Orpheum will present an entirely new show, which will be made up of vaudeville. Each and every artist in the company will do a specialty. Hogan will positively appear in new songs, while the McClains, Wise and Milton, Davis and De Herde, the Trustys, Carter Brothers, Christian, Madame Plato, Laura Moss, and all the others will also give songs, sketches and novelty acts. Owing to the large number of acts on the bill, each one will be limited as to the time so the show will not last too long. The audience will, however, enjoy every minute of it. There will be about fifteen acts on the bill, making it the largest and most varied vaudeville performance ever given in Honolulu.

Portuguese Society Celebrates.

The Portuguese Sociedade Lusitania Beneficente celebrated yesterday the twentieth anniversary of its founding, by giving a concert in the afternoon in the grounds of the association on Alapai street, followed in the evening by literary exercises and dancing in the gaily decorated hall where the society holds its meetings.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Attorney Brooks and wife returned yesterday from the Coast.

The Hawaiian Electric Company employees were entertained at a luau yesterday in Pauoa Valley.

James W. Girvin is of the opinion that he felt an earthquake shock about 10 o'clock on Christmas eve.

Murphy Club Hall was well filled with people New Year's eve, in attendance at the watch service.

A quintet club furnished music last evening at the Hawaiian Hotel for a pleasant dance on the lanais.

A Wenner, formerly with the Honolulu tax office, has been appointed manager of the Waiwala Beach Hotel.

G. J. Waller, manager of the Metropolitan Meat Company, returned yesterday from a business trip to San Francisco.

A reception was held yesterday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, by Rev. Geo. L. Pearson at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

It is said that the Oahu Railway will soon commence a suit to test the validity of the income tax law, and the action submitted on an agreed statement of facts.

Frank de Mello, the night telephone operator, wishes to express his thanks for many Christmas and New Year favors sent him by his many friends among telephone subscribers.

C. D. Warren, of Chicago, arrived yesterday in the Sonoma, to join Mrs. Warren and the Misses Warren, who are stopping at the Hawaiian Hotel for the winter. Mr. Warren is here for the benefit of his health.

Members of the Christian Church are urged to remember the roll call and rally service at the church tonight. An enthusiastic and helpful gathering is desired, and every member present who can possibly be there, is asked to come.

Mr. C. H. Lymbery and wife arrived in the Sonoma, for a two weeks' stay in Honolulu, and are at the Hawaiian Hotel. Mr. Lymbery represents a Philadelphia lace house, and will do some business here. For many years he was with Sloane, of San Francisco, and has many friends in Honolulu.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHLEHEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The World prints a cablegram from Bethlehem showing the manner in which Christmas eve and Christmas day were this year celebrated in the Holy Land. According to the dispatch from Bethlehem, the sky was clear and the air chill on the day before Christmas. At an early hour, crowds commenced to stream in from Jerusalem, and all the neighboring towns. Many traveled from Europe and even from America. The European costumes mingled with the bright Oriental dresses made the scene varied and vivid with colors, while in the throng were seen many fair-faced Bethlehem women. At the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem the Latins, the Greeks and the Armenians each have a place of worship, but the ceremonies which attracted the thousands were those at the Catholic church. Throughout the morning crowds flocked to the magnificent Church of the Nativity, including the cave believed by many scholars to be the actual birthplace of Christ. It was brilliantly illuminated. During the afternoon a multitude of people crowded the great square fronting the church, covering the house tops on every side. The procession then appeared, the patriarch escorted by Turkish soldiers preceded by the Kawasses, or official guard of the patriarchal convent, advancing to the church. Following the sacerdotal procession came that of the French consul and his staff in uniform with an escort of mounted guards, he taking precedence as representing France, the recognized guardian of Catholic interests in the Holy Land. Following his entry into the church came the beautiful service of vespers, and the benediction. Throughout the evening the church was never without its crowd of worshippers. At 11 o'clock matins were sung and a few minutes before midnight all was hushed. Then on the stroke of the hour, the "Gloria" arose—all kneeling in profound adoration to usher in Christmas morning. Immediately afterward the patriarch ascended the high altar and commenced to celebrate high mass. Thenceforward throughout Christmas day every altar in the sacred edifice was occupied by priests saying masses. Many devotees who took their places at 10 o'clock Christmas evening kept their vigil until 11 o'clock on Christmas day, anxious not to miss one moment of the ceremonies on the site of the birthplace of Christ.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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